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The proposed anti-trust settlement under which Microsoft would donate software and hardware to school districts is a dream come true for Microsoft.

Far from actually punishing Microsoft for its predatory and anti-competitive behavior, this proposal would do the opposite by helping it establish a foothold in one of the few areas where it is not the dominant player. In other words, the settlement *encourages* Microsoft to continue its past behavior.

Whoever conceived this proposal clearly did not think it through very much.

A better solution would be to tell Microsoft to donate *cash* to the schools, to let them spend on computing equipment as they wish.

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